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Please be advised that cover sheet was not facsimiled with (8) pages of feedback form for  
Hand on Parliament just sent.

Regards

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## **HANDS ON PARLIAMENT –**

**A PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE INQUIRY INTO ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT  
ISLANDER PEOPLES' PARTICIPATION IN QUEENSLAND'S DEMOCRATIC PROCESS**

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### BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION

1. What are some of the reasons that Indigenous peoples are underrepresented in the Queensland Parliament?
2. What are some of the reasons that Indigenous people might choose not to be involved in Queensland's Parliament and government?
3. What factors make it difficult for Indigenous people to participate in Queensland's system of democracy?

RISKS/DANGERS/COST/LOCATION.

MINORITY GROUP

PARTIES FAILURE TO TAKE ON A CANDIDATE

SEPERATE IDENTITY (TSI & ANORIGINAL)

EDUCATION OF THE PROCESS TO INVOLVE

HOMELAND (T.I) AND MAINLAND (T.I)

TRIBAL DIFFERENCES.

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## STRATEGY 2: DIRECT INPUT INTO PARLIAMENT

6. Would avenues for bodies which represent Indigenous people to have direct input into Parliament enhance the participation of Indigenous peoples in the Parliament?
7. Is it a good idea to enable bodies which represent Indigenous peoples to have direct input into Parliament? Why or why not?
8. If a representative body with direct input into Parliament was to be established how should it operate? For example:
  - Who should be on the representative body?
  - What forms of direct input should the representative body have?
  - What else would be necessary to ensure Parliament considered matters raised by the representative body?

6. Yes, depending on who the "body" is,  
eg. ATSIC, TSRA.

YES:  
7. So long as they consult the  
community first.



### STRATEGY 3: AN ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ASSEMBLY

9. Would an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Assembly contribute to the participation of Indigenous people in the democratic process in Queensland?
10. Is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Assembly a good idea? Why or why not?
11. If an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Assembly was to be established, how should it operate? For example:
  - How should members of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Assembly be selected?
  - What would be the specific role and functions of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Assembly?
  - How should the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Assembly have input in the Queensland Parliament?
  - What else would be necessary to ensure the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Assembly contributed to representation of Indigenous people?
  - Would one Assembly be appropriate, or should there be separate Assemblies for Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders?

(19)

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE TO SOME EXTENT ARE

INVOLVED IN DEMOCRATIC PROCESS WITH

ATSIL REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

INDIGENOUS CANDIDATE RUN VERY PROFESSIONAL CAMPAIGNS. POSTERS / HOW TO VOTE'S ETC.

DOWN SIDE IS THAT <sup>MAJORITY OF</sup> INDIGENOUS (GRASS ROOTS) PEOPLE DO NOT VOTE AT THESE ELECTIONS

SOME CANDIDATES RUN T.V. ADVERTISEMENTS

AS WITH ALL CAMPAIGNS IT IS DEPENDANT ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

## STRATEGY 1: DEDICATED SEATS

12. Would dedicated seats enhance the participation of Indigenous people in the democratic process in Queensland? YES
13. Are dedicated seats a good idea? Why or why not? REPRESENTATION, ENSURE INDIGENOUS
14. If dedicated seats were to be introduced, how should they operate? For example:
- How many dedicated seats should there be?
  - In what ways, if any, should the role and functions of members in dedicated seats differ from members in other seats?
  - How should members in dedicated seats be selected?
  - Should people who vote for members in dedicated seats also be able to vote for members in their general electorate?
15. Should there be a referendum about the introduction of dedicated seats?

1. T.S.I. HOMELAND } (2)

1. T.S.I. MAINLAND. }

2 ABORIGINAL

## STRATEGY 5: CHANGES TO THE ELECTORAL PROCESS

16. Should Queensland's electoral system seek to achieve representation of minority groups in Queensland? ~~JUST INDIGENOUS ONLY~~
17. Should the electoral system be reviewed to ensure that it is the most effective electoral system to represent the diverse interests of the Queensland community? ~~YES~~
18. Would a different electoral system be likely to ensure ~~greater~~ representation of Indigenous peoples? ~~YES~~

NOT AWARE OF ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

☞ THERE SHOULD BE TWO REPRESENTATIVES

FROM T.S.T AND TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM

ABORIGINALS TO ENSURE REPRESENTATION OF

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE



## GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

19. What other strategies could be used to enhance the participation of Indigenous peoples in the democratic process in Queensland?
20. What strategies or combination of strategies would best achieve enhanced participation of Indigenous peoples in the democratic process in Queensland?

(1) BETTER EDUCATED ABOUT DIFFERENT

LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT LOCAL, STATE

AND FEDERAL.

(2) ACCESS TO \$\$ TO RUN A CAMPAIGN

(3) AFFILIATION WITH A POLITICAL PARTY.

- ENCOURAGED AT UNIVERSITY